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AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague and plague-infected rats.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, January 4, 1904.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the state of the outbreak of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended January 2, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Report of the medical officer of health on the state of plague in Cape Colony during week ended January 2, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Dead rodents, probably plague-infected, continued to be found in the town during the week.

East London.—One case of plague was discovered during the week, namely, a native child on the 2d instant. At the Plague Hospital no patients died or were discharged. Two cases remain under treatment. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town during the week.

Other places.—In King Williams Town, Queenstown, Knysna, Lady Grey Bridge, and Graaff-Reinet no case of plague in man or animals was discovered during the week.

Cape Town and harbor board area.—Two hundred and five rats were examined during the week. None were found affected with plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

BRAZIL.

Report from Bahia—Mortuary statistics.

Consul Furniss reports, January 11, as follows: During the week ended January 9, 1904, 82 bodies were interred in the Bahia cemeteries:

Causes of death: Arterio-sclerosis, 2; asphyxia, 1; beriberi, 3; bronchitis, 1; cerebral congestion, 3; diabetes, 1; diarrhea and enteritis, 8; gangrene, 1; hepatitis, 3; malarial fevers, 3; meningitis, 1; myelitis, 1; nephritis, 2; organic diseases of heart, 3; peritonitis, 1; pneumonia, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 14; senile debility, 2; septic fever, 1; still-born, 3; syphilis, 1; tetanus neonatorum, 1; typhus fever, 2; umbilical hemorrhage, 3; other causes, 20.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever—Efficient measures against mosquitoes.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, January 12, 1904, as follows:

During the week ended January 9, 1904, I inspected the steamship *Tennyson*, British, Lamport and Holt Line, for New York, with 16